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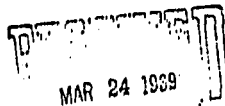
RE: Mr. Weldon's letter to you
of March 18, 1969

Dear Bob:

We would like to make the following comments with respect to the numbered items in the reference letter:

- 1) Refuse moving equipment is cleaned daily and on some days several times. We have asked the contractor to also wash his equipment since the weather now will permit this.
- 2) Paper and debris is removed from fences on a continuous basis. The paper which had blown against the southeasterly fence has been removed since your last inspection.
- 3) We were directed by your board at the time of approval to start depositing along Route 301. We feel that so far the operation along this road has been successful. The dangerous high bank has been eliminated, and as we understand it, this was the objective.
- 4) The Contractor has on site a 1500 gallon tank truck for control of fires. He has also made arrangements for assistance with the Delaware City Fire Company.

The conclusion reached by Mr. Dutcher and others, including yourself, concerning the origin of the fire is fairly obvious and this being the case it was indeed fortunate that we were on the site and acted promptly. We share Mr. Weldon's concern for the safety of the residents.



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The fire in no way was caused by the landfill operation and would have started regardless of our operation. The lady who occupies the house in question told us that she has experienced four or five such fires before the landfill was started.

The statement that this was the second fire in the landfill is not factual. It is true, however, that about a week ago a piece of equipment caught fire but no landfill fire was experienced.

We feel that we have complied with all of your regulations as well as those of the Water and Air Resources Commission. We know that we have the only landfill in the state which is so operated.

Very truly yours,

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